



STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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Meeting Date: Aug. 22, 2023

Agenda Item: Parks and Outdoor Recreation capital projects exceeding \$50,000

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background: Each legislative session, proposed line-item Capital Program projects are included in House Bill 5 (HB 5) for the next biennium. For the 2023 Legislative Session, the projects below are those approved and ready to advance through the implementation process. Board approval of project expenditures of more than \$50,000 is required.

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| • Makoshika Campground Improvement and Addition | \$5,000,000 |
| • Flathead Lakes State Park Erosion Control | \$660,000 |
| • Bannack Fire Protection (grant funded) | \$300,000 |
| • Bannack Heritage Protection Projects | \$250,000 |
| • Ackley Lake Swim Area | \$75,000 |

Public Involvement Process & Results: These projects were reviewed in the 2023 Legislative Session during public comment on HB 5. The projects will involve an environmental assessment (EA) and public involvement processes. Those projects that may not involve an EA include major maintenance projects, including reroofing non-historic buildings. The public involvement process typically occurs at the regional level.

Analysis & Alternatives:

Alternative A: Approve expenditures on the above listed projects exceeding \$50,000 so that FWP may fully execute the work to provide additional campsite inventory at Makoshika State Park, protect and conserve significant heritage resources at Bannack State Park, and provide for a dedicated swim area at Ackley Lake to improve safety for users away from motorized boating use.

Alternative B: Do not approve expenditures on the above listed projects exceeding \$50,000. FWP would conduct work on the projects not to exceed \$50,000 or would not undertake the projects at all.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale: FWP recommends approving expenditures on the above listed projects exceeding \$50,000 so that the agency may fully execute the work as described in Alternative A.

Proposed Motion: I move the State Parks and Recreation Board approve expenditures exceeding \$50,000 for the Makoshika Campground Improvement and Addition, Bannack Fire Protection, Bannack Heritage Protection, and for the Ackley Lake Swim Area.